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SUBJECT: LUNT CASE - PRISONER EXCHANGE

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES INFORMATION REFTEL AND CONCURS IN PROPOSED PFUND-VOGEL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS JUNE 9. ONCE ALL ARRANGEMENTS MADE, WE ANTICIPATE FLIGHT FROM HAVANA TO UNITED STATES (WASHINGTON) AND RELEASE OF THOMPSON FROM LEWISBURG ON SAME DAY, ASSUMING EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE FROM HAVANA. (VOGEL WOULD THUS HAVE TO ARRIVE IN HAVANA PREVIOUS DAY.) JUNE 11 DATE IS NOT, OF COURSE, CRITICAL, BUT WE NEED AT LEAST 48 HOURS - PREFERABLY 72 - PRIOR TO FLIGHT/
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RELEASE DATE TO COMPLETE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH PAROLE

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2. WE WOULD EXPECT TO PROVIDE VOGEL WITH AUTOMOBILE FOR TRANSIT FROM WASHINGTON TO LEWISBURG. TRANSPORTATION FROM LEWISBURG TO PORT OF DEBARCATION DEPENDENT IN PART ON VOGEL'S CHOICE OF PORT; VEHICLE COULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON IF DEBARCATION FROM WASHINGTON, OR WE COULD ARRANGE FOR VEHICLE TO TRANSPORT THOMPSON AND VOGEL TO NEW YORK. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH JUSTICE, WE HAVE DECIDED THAT WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ASK INS TO INTERVIEW THOMPSON. RATHER,

DEPT OFFICER WILL TALK TO HIM EITHER AT TIME OF RELEASE OR SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTURE. WE HAVE ALSO COME TO CONCLUSION THAT DEPT OFFICER (PROBABLY SY) WILL HAVE TO BE PRESENT AT EVERY SIGNIFICANT STAGE OF SCENARIO BEGINNING WITH VOGEL/ LUNT ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES TO ASSURE THAT EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD STRONG-LY PREFER EITHER NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON DEBARCATION.

3. ISSUANCE US VISA TO VOGEL FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES VIRTUALLY ESSENTIAL. WE WILL INSTRUCT CONSULAR SECTION EMBASSY EAST BERLIN TO PROVIDE VISA. HOWEVER, BEFORE SUCH INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE ISSUED FROM DEPT, WE WILL NEED VOGEL'S FULL NAME, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, CITIZEN-SHIP, AND OCCUPATION. PLEASE FORWARD ASAP.

4. WE WILL PROVIDE THOMPSON WITH US PASSPORT OR WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS SO THAT HE MAY LEAVE UNITED STATES WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. AS HE IS US CITIZEN, HE WILL NOT NEED VISAS FOR TRANSIT OR STOPOVER IN ANY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY. HOWEVER, WE WILL EXPECT VOGEL TO PROVIDE NECESSARY ENTRY DOCUMENTS INTO GDR.

5. WE ASSUME VOGEL WILL OBTAIN ANY NECESSARY VISAS HE REQUIRES FOR TRANSIT OR STOPOVER IN WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

6. DEPT WILL ARRANGE FOR PRIVATE US FLAG CHARTER AIRCRAFT TO BE IN HAVANA EARLY MORNING FLIGHT/RELEASE DATE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO WASHINGTON (PROBABLY ANDREWS). WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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APPRECIATE VOGEL'S VIEW REGARDING DESIRABILITY OF SOMEONE FROM US (OTHER THAN PILOT) ACCOMPANYING AIRCRAFT TO HAVANA. KISSINGER

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